



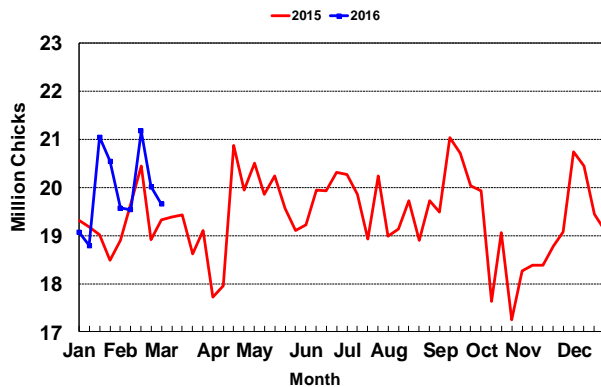
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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

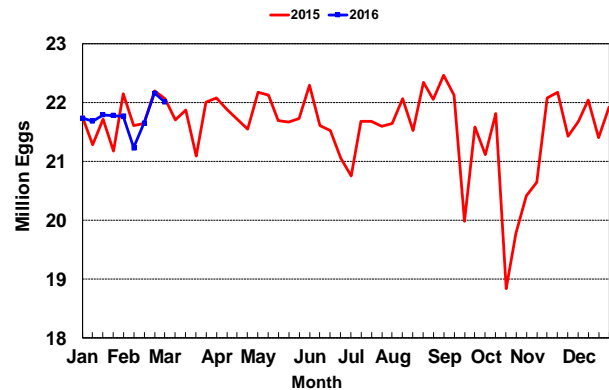
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.7 million during the week ending February 27, 2016. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2015 but down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 22.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 27, 2016, down slightly from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2015-2016



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2015-2016



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 30, 2016 - February 27, 2016

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,621	29,156	29,447	29,021	29,091	21,739	21,562	20,936	21,292	21,314
Arkansas	21,767	21,231	21,648	22,156	22,004	19,569	19,533	21,166	20,051	19,651
Delaware	4,741	4,759	4,816	4,741	4,772	5,725	4,303	4,803	5,178	4,824
Florida	1,175	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,218	1,283	1,238	1,143	1,252	1,187
Georgia	34,811	34,658	34,201	34,789	35,074	27,576	26,800	27,823	27,719	28,135
Kentucky	7,934	7,992	8,024	8,052	8,005	6,062	6,207	5,993	5,985	6,317
Louisiana	3,726	3,788	3,138	3,712	3,697	2,997	3,028	2,969	3,182	3,271
Maryland	7,333	7,854	7,788	7,505	7,470	6,561	7,137	6,441	6,889	7,090
Mississippi	18,051	17,933	17,948	17,494	17,648	15,142	15,043	15,239	15,188	15,078
Missouri	8,071	7,961	8,008	7,913	8,010	5,675	6,163	5,138	5,887	5,034
N. Carolina	21,145	20,907	21,144	20,980	21,232	15,993	16,366	16,694	17,026	16,645
Oklahoma	7,036	6,748	7,006	6,872	6,659	4,912	4,737	3,925	4,675	5,259
Pennsylvania	4,555	4,975	4,817	4,642	4,665	3,913	3,987	3,391	3,628	3,783
S. Carolina	5,539	5,421	5,576	4,897	5,540	5,152	4,549	4,949	4,546	4,302
Texas	15,231	15,396	15,272	15,420	15,426	11,852	12,332	12,571	12,466	12,745
Virginia	5,941	6,340	6,344	6,383	6,408	5,085	6,079	5,430	4,301	4,887
CA, TN & WV	12,101	10,997	11,298	11,774	11,849	11,351	10,418	12,172	10,971	9,955
19 State Total	208,778	207,336	207,695	207,571	208,768	170,587	169,482	170,783	170,236	169,477
% of Prev. Year	102	100	100	100	100	101	100	102	101	100
Other States	7,896	8,139	8,040	8,077	8,080	6,580	6,617	6,277	6,617	6,752
U.S. Total	216,674	215,475	215,735	215,648	216,848	177,167	176,099	177,060	176,853	176,229

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2016, up slightly from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2016, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2016 through February 20, 2016 for the United States were 1.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.